

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today the conference report for the fiscal year 2010 omnibus appropriations bill approved by Congress includes \$200,000 in federal assistance the Community Health Center of Franklin County.

The Community Health Center of Franklin County (CHC) will use this funding to purchase and install an electronic medical recording system (EMR). The EMR technology will replace current accounting and billing systems and introduce electronic systems to replace outmoded paper charts.

Congressman John Olver said, “The use of this technology will improve efficiency, reduce administrative costs and improve patient safety. Conversion to EMR is viewed as a national goal throughout the health care industry, and this federal funding will help enable these providers to make the transition.”

Congressman Olver is a member of the Appropriations Committee and Chairman of the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee and worked to include the funding in the omnibus spending legislation. The omnibus represents six out of twelve annual appropriations bills pulled together into one package. The Senate must now approve the conference report before it goes to the President for signature.

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